

ORDINANCE NO. 869

AN ORDINANCE granting an appropriation to provide funds for the execution of a contract to provide bus transportation services in King County for a period not to exceed 90 days.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. The County Council finds that the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle has been authorized by the legislature to undertake the function of public transit within King County subject to the approval of the people of two ballot measures authorizing and financing such function.

Section 2. The County Council finds that the maintenance of the existing level of public transit service available to suburban King County is urgently required pending development of the county-wide Metro system.

Section 3. The County Council finds that the Metropolitan Transit Company operates the only public transit service presently available in suburban King County.

Section 4. The County Council finds that the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission has authorized Metropolitan Transit to terminate or reduce service on a majority of its routes effective June 6, 1971, including termination or reduction of service on the following routes: Richmond Beach, 15 Avenue Northeast, Bothell, Renton, and Kent-Auburn.

Section 5. The County Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a contract with the Metropolitan Transit Company to provide public transportation service to suburban King County, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The contract shall not exceed 90 days and shall provide for cancellation upon 15 days written notice by either party.

(b) Payment to Metropolitan Transit shall not exceed \$18,000.00 per month for three

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months or a total of \$54,000.00. Payments shall be made on the basis of expenses minus revenues on the Richmond Beach, 15 Avenue Northeast, Bothell, Renton, and Kent-Auburn routes. Fares on said routes shall be deposited with the County Treasurer.

(c) Metropolitan Transit shall maintain its existing levels of service on all present routes, including Richmond Beach, 15 Avenue Northeast, Bothell, Renton, and Kent-Auburn routes, with the following exceptions: elimination of Saturday service and rescheduling and alteration of the Richmond Beach route.

(d) The contract shall provide that the County has the right to audit the books and accounts of Metropolitan Transit.

Section 6. The County Council hereby approves and adopts an appropriation in the amount of \$54,000.00 for the purpose of funding the above-referenced contract. Such sum is hereby transferred from the Executive Contingency Fund to a new account, Special Programs-Transit Services.

Section 7. The County Council hereby creates a special public transportation committee composed of five Council members appointed by the Chairman. Such committee shall study and analyze the means of maintaining appropriate levels of bus transportation service in King County pending development of the Metro system and shall report its findings to the County Council within 60 days.

Section 8. The County Executive shall explore the availability of financial support from other governmental agencies, including suburban cities and the state and federal government, to share the cost of maintaining appropriate levels of bus transportation service in King County pending development of the Metro system and shall report its findings to the County Council within 60 days.

Section 9. The Council finds that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the preservation of vital transportation services in King County.

Section 10. This ordinance shall terminate on  
September, 1, 1971.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1971.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL

Attest:

By Robert B. Dunn  
Chairman

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
1971.

Ray Olsen  
ACTING Clerk of the Council

John D. Spellman  
County Executive